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The guide presents ratings of computer software, audiotape recordings, videotape recordings, on-line systems, and miscellaneous technology-based materials for teaching English as a Second Language (ESL). First, the forms used for evaluation are presented, and then the programs or materials are listed alphabetically by title. Each listing includes a rating on a scale of 1.0 to 4.0, the material type, title, publisher, and price. An annotated citation for each listing follows, with a notation of the applicable curriculum area (language, life skills, reading, support), a brief description, and notes on strengths and weaknesses. Appended materials include a list of publisher addresses and telephone numbers and a list of related periodicals and other resources. (MSE) (Adjunct ERIC Clearinghouse on Literacy Education)

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PREFACE

Description of the NWRLRC–Technology Project

DESCRIPTION OF NWRLRC–TECHNOLOGY PROJECT

The Northwest Regional Literacy Resource Center–Technology Project (NWRLRC–Technology Project), begun in 1982 as the Adult Education Software Project, encourages adult education and literacy practitioners to more effectively use technology in adult basic skills instruction. The project, funded by the Departments of Education in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, uses local adult education instructors and their students to evaluate technology for its appropriateness with adult basic skills students. The results of the evaluations are distributed nationally.

In addition to evaluating software and other technologies, the NWRLRC–Technology Project coordinates staff development activites throughout the region. It regularly provides the direction and staffing of computer strands at state and regional conferences and holds adult basic education trainings in the participating states to provide local programs with ongoing information on technology.

This publication is made possible by a grant from the Office of Adult Literacy, Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges with federal funds authorized by Subpart 7 (State Literacy Resource Centers) of the National Literacy Act of 1991 (PL 102-73).

INTRODUCTION AND EVALUATION PROCESS

Guide Organization
Example of the Evaluation Form

GUIDE ORGANIZATION

This guide is designed to be used by basic skills and literacy instructors, administrators, and tutors. Each section features a different aspect of using technology with the adult learner.

Section 1: Introduction and evaluation process

Northwest Region Adult Basic Education instructors and their learners reviewed a variety of technologies. They have assessed the products and, in most cases, they-have been used on the local program level with learners for several weeks. The local program practitioners, Site Representatives, are skilled instructors who volunteer to assess a variety of technologies. Each brings to the evaluation process expertise in instruction and in the use of technology with basic skills learners.

The evaluation form is included in the publication. The form, developed through funding by the Northwest Regional Literacy Resource Center, is designed specifically for adult basic skills learners.

Section 2: List of evaluated technology

The listings consist of the assessed technology by category. For convenience, the listing includes the title, the publisher/vendor, technology type, and price of the technology.

Curriculum Area

The guide identifies four curriculum areas: Language (grammar, mechanics, structure, and spelling); Life Skills (math applications, problem solving, bilingual skills, citizenship, and other workplace and daily coping skills); Reading (phonics, vocabulary, content areas, comprehension, analysis, and speed); and Support (word processing/keyboarding, computer literacy, data bases, worksheet generators, electronic on-line systems, and teacher training).

Rating

The technology products that were rated range from: 4.0 (excellent); 3.0 (good); 2.0 (fair); to 1.0 (not recommended). The decimal point variation on ratings reflects the average score given by two or more software evaluators. The unrated products were not evaluated.

Technology Type

There are the following types of technologies: software (this includes DOS, Apple, and Macintosh platforms); audio tapes, video tapes, on-line systems, and miscellaneous (this includes hand-held technologies, Language Master, and Q-Solutions).

Price

The listed price is retail. When a range is given, the actual price depends on the platform used. Often educators can receive discounts and obtain lower prices.

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Section 3: Featured Technology

The technologies included in the Featured Technology Section received good to excellent ratings from basic skills instructors and learners. The featured technology encompasses a broad range of basic skills. The reading curriculum area spans a range of ability starting at a beginning reading level and includes vocabulary building, comprehension development, and phonics. The language curriculum area includes drills on grammar usage, spelling and sentence structure. The life skills curriculum area encompasses problem solving games, bilingual activites, and daily coping skills. Support materials include a variety of miscellaneous technologies to help with word processing/keyboarding skills, teacher training, and print aids.

Users of this guide are reminded that technology must fit the learner, the instructional setting, and the instructional approaches. No one technology will be highly successful with all learners. Technology should be utilized as a supplement and integrated into other instruction, not utilized as a replacement.

Section 4: Resource Guide

The reference section of this publication includes:

The Listing of Publishers
Included is a list of addresses of publishers which supply a variety of technologies for adult applications.

Periodicals and Other Resources
This is an annotated reference to periodicals and other resources which discusses technology and its applications to adult basic skills.

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Technology Evaluation Form

Publishing Information:

Title: _____
Publisher: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Price: _____

Type of Technology:

_____
_____
_____

Hardware Requirements:

_____
_____
_____

Program Information: *(Circle appropriate response)*

Adult Interest	Instructional Level	Curriculum Area	
Yes No	Literacy (0-4)	Careers	Math
	ABE+ (5-8)	Citizenship	Prob.Solve/Thinking
(Circle	ESL	Health	Reading
appropriate	GED	Life Skills	Science
response)	Develop. Ed.	Language Mechanics	Social Studies
Support Materials		**Documentation**	**Staff Training**
Workbooks	Worksheets	Good	Included
Answer Key	Text Cassette	Fair	Available for cost
Video	Other: _____	Poor	Not needed

Reviewer Information:

Name: _____ Title: _____
School/Institution: _____ Date of Review: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Description of Program:

Evaluative Comments: *(Describe strengths and weaknesses)*

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

Overall Rating: **Excellent** **Good** **Fair** **Not Recommended**

Instructional Applications: *(circle appropriate response)*

Individualized Classroom with Tutor or Instructor Cooperative Learning Stand-alone Lab

Competency Based: Washington Core Competency or Oregon CASAS

Comments:

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Software Evaluation Form

Publishing Information:

Software Title: _____
Publisher: _____ Date: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Price: _____

Program Information: *(Circle appropriate response)*

Adult Interest
Yes No

(Circle appropriate response)

Instructional Level
Literacy (0-4)
ABE+ (5-8)
ESL
GED
Develop. Ed.

Curriculum Area
Careers
Citizenship
Health
Life Skills
Language Mechanics
Math
Prob.Solve/Thinking
Reading
Science
Social Studies

Program Type
Drill and Practice
Simulation
Tutorial
Other: _____

Support Materials
Workbooks
Answer Key
Worksheets
Video
Cassettes
Other: _____

Documentation
Good__ Fair__ Poor__

Back-up Disks Available? Yes No
Network/Site License? Yes No

Description of Program:

_____
_____
_____
_____
_____

Computer Information: *(Circle appropriate response)*

Computer
Apple IIe
Apple IIgs
Macintosh
IBM/Compatible
Other: _____

Memory
48
64
128
Other: ____

Disk Drives
One
Two
3.5"
5.25"
Hard Drive

Monitor
Color
Monochrome

Keyboard Skills
Low
Medium
High

Peripherals (e.g., mouse, joystick, speech,etc.) _____

Reviewer Information:

Name: _____ Title: _____
School/Institution: _____ Date of Review: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Instructional Format:

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Are directions available on the disk?			
2. Are directions appropriate to reading level of the program?			
3. Is the use of graphics appropriate for adult learners?			
4. Is the lesson content appropriate to the intended reading level?			
5. Are the number of questions and speed of program appropriate?			
6. Is the use of audio appropriate for adult learners?			
7. Is the content accurate and free from errors?			
8. Is the content free of racial/sex/age/ethnic stereotypes?			
9. Does the program achieve its defined purposes?			
10. In a multiple choice format, are the correct answers too obvious?			
11. Is there only one type of activity, such as multiple choice?			
12. Is there positive reinforcement and motivation?			
13. Is there reward for failure (such as interesting graphic for wrong answer)?			
14. Is there reinforcing feedback after correct answers?			
15. Is there help after an incorrect answer?			
16. Is there branching, which moves students into harder or easier activities based on performance?			

Program Format:

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Is there user control of program?			
2. Does the disk begin with a menu?			
3. Can the menu be returned to easily?			
4. Can the instructions be bypassed?			
5. Is there a "bookmark" feature to reenter the place most recently completed?			
6. Is the audio adjustable?			
7. Can the program be modified?			
8. If yes, is the modification easy?			

Management Format:

	Yes	No	N/A
1. Is there a student recordkeeping system?			
2. If so, is it easy to use?			
3. Can records be deleted?			
4. Can student records be printed?			
5. Is there a password or other security for the management system?			

Evaluative Comments: *(Describe strengths and weaknesses)*

Strengths: _____

_____

_____

Weaknesses: _____

_____

_____

Overall Rating: **(4) Excellent** **(3) Good** **(2) Fair** **(1) Not Recommended**

Instructional Applications: *(circle appropriate response)*

Individualized Classroom with Tutor or Instructor Cooperative Learning Stand-alone Lab

Competency Based: Washington Core Competency or Oregon CASAS

Comments: _____

Complete Listing of Evaluated Technology
By Curriculum Area, Rating, Technology Type, Price

(featured technology is emboldened)

Rating	Technology	Program Title	Publisher	READING
3.0	software	**ALA Lab System**	American Language Academy	$2000.00
2.5	software	Basic Cloze Reading	Merit	$149.95
4.0	software	**Comprehension Power**	Milliken (Learning Services)	$195.95
3.0	software	Context Clues	Queue Inc.	$49.95
4.0	software	**Core Reading & Vocabulary Devel.**	Educational Activities, Inc.	$675.00
4.0	software/audio	**Discover Intensive Phonics**	HEC Reading Horizons	$1,695.00 – $1,795.00
3.75	software	**How to Read for Everyday Living**	Educational Activities, Inc.	$159.00
1.0	software	Lincoln's Decision	Educational Activities, Inc.	$65.00
4.0	software	**MacEnglish**	Division of John Wagner	$4,150.00
4.0	software	**Microcourse Reading-Word Attack**	Houghton Mifflin Company	$120.00
2.0	software	Project Star	Hartley, Division of Jostens Learning	$695.00
3.0	miscellaneous	**Q-Solution**	Curriculum Associates	$300.00
3.0	software	**Read 'N Roll**	Davidson & Associates, Inc.	$149.95 - $179.95
1.0	software	Reading Across Curriculum	Hartley, Division of Jostens Learning	$695.00
2.0	software	Reading and Critical Thinking	Educational Publishing Concepts/EISI	$159.95
4.0	software	**Reading Around Words**	Masers International Enterprises	$160.00
1.0	software	Reading Critically: Reading in the Content Areas	Merit	$265.00
1.0	software	Reading for Non-fiction Critically	Merit	$199.99
3.0	software	**Reading in the Workplace**	Educational Activities, Inc.	$295.00 each
1.0	software	Reading Skills for Daily Living	Merit	$199.99
2.5	software	Rhyming Families	Hartley, Division of Jostens Learning	$59.95
2.0	software	Santa Fe Trail	Educational Activities, Inc.	$65.00
4.0	software	Seen	Conduit	$110.00
3.0	software	**Spell It Plus**	Davidson & Associates, Inc.	$59.95 - $69.95
1.0	software	Star II	Hartley, Division of Jostens Learning	$695.00
4.0	software	**That's My Job! I , II**	Hartley, Division of Jostens Learning	$59.95 each
	video	The Laubach Way to Reading, Tutor Workshop	New Readers Press, Division of Laubach Literacy	$199.00
3.0	video	**TV Tutor-Reading**	New Readers Press, Division of Laubach Literacy	$260.00
1.0	software	What Do They Do in Ouagadougou?	Educational Activities, Inc.	$79.00
3.5	software	**Words, Words, Words**	Profiles Corporation	$189.00

Rating	Technology	Program Title	Publisher	LANGUAGE
3.5	software	**Accent Improvement**	Speakware	$229.00
2.0	software	American Accent Program	Ford Language Institute	$295.00 per module
	video	Bid for Power	Audio Forum	$250.00
	video	Brush Up English Video	Audio Forum	$69.50
3.75	software	Diascriptive Reading II	Educational Activities, Inc.	$335.00
3.0	software	**ESL Demons**	Merit	$99.95 each set
3.0	software	**Fluency Practice**	Gessler Educational Software	$59.95
4.0	audio	**Jazz Chants**	Oxford University Press	$17.50
4.0	miscellaneous	**Language Master (Bell and Howell)**	Proline	$315.00
3.0	software	MacESL	Hacienda La Puente Adult Education	$269.00
3.0	miscellaneous	**Pacfic Lotus Transcriber System**	Pacific Lotus Technology, Inc.	$179.00
3.0	software	Prefixes, Suffixes, Root Words	Queue Inc.	$49.95
	video	Printing and Writing	Clarice Kittleson	$400.00
3.5	software	**Quick Talk**	Educational Activities, Inc.	$65.00/disk
4.0	software	**Sentence Combining I & II**	Milliken (Learning Services)	$249.95
	video	Speak Easy	Addison Wesley Publishing Co.	$239.00
4.0	video	**Speaking American English at Work**	Audio Forum	$159.00
2.0	software	Spellbound 2.10	Spellbound Software	$45.00
	video	Stage One: The Natural Approach to Speaking	Ballard & Tighe, Inc.	$349.50
	video	The Laubach Way to English	New Readers Press, Division of Laubach Literacy	$199.00
4.0	software	**Verb Usage - Multi-Pack**	Hartley, Division of Jostens Learning	$39.95 each
1.0	software	Word Demons	Merit	$99.99 each set

Rating	Technology	Program Title	Publisher	LIFE SKILLS
3.0	software	**Approaches to Solving Problems**	Educational Publishing Concepts /EISI	$189.50
	video	Authentic American Activities	Pace Group International	$175.35
3.0	video	**Car Smarts**	Available for loan from the NWRLRC	NWRLRC
3.0	video	**Careers for the 21st Century: Vol. I-IV**	TAKEOFF Multimedia Educational Excellence	$1600.00
	video	Encounters	Pace Group International	$621.50
3.0	software	Expanded Notation	Hartley, Division of Jostens Learning	$49.95
4.0	video	**Follow Me to San Francisco**	Addison Wesley Publishing Co.	$249.00
	video	In English, Vol. 1-5	Video Language Products	$749.00
4.0	video	**Job World Literacy**	Education Associates, Inc.	$249.00
	video	Learning English	Los Angeles Unified School District, KLCS-TV58	$599.00
	audio	Listening With Us: Lessons for Citizenship	Available for loan from the NWRLRC	NWRLRC
	video	Living and Working in America, Volumes I-III	VIA-Press, Inc.	$810.00
	audio	M.E.E.T. (Media English Experience Tape)	Available for loan from the NWRLRC	NWRLRC
	video	People You Meet	Audio Forum	$295.00
	video	Powertalk	Pace Group International	$718.00
1.0	software	Problem Solving Basics	Hartley, Division of Jostens Learning	$695.00
3.5	software	**Regions of the United States**	Educational Activities, Inc.	$65.00
	video	Rights and Responsibilities of Washington	Available for loan from the NWRLRC	NWRLRC
3.0	software	**Spanish/English Vocabulary Games**	Queue Inc.	$49.95
3.5	software	The Game Show	Advanced Ideas, Inc.	$39.95 - $49.95
2.5	video	TV Tutor-Multiplication	New Readers Press, Division of Laubach Literacy	$64.95
4.0	software	**Type to Learn**	Sunburst Communications, Inc.	$79.00 - $129.00
	video	Using the Library: An Instructional Video	Available for loan from the NWRLRC	NWRLRC
2.0	software	Vocabulario	Queue Inc.	$39.95
2.5	software	Where in Time is Carmen Sandiego?	Broderbund Software, Inc.	$49.95 - $99.95
3.0	software	Wizard of Words	Advanced Ideas, Inc.	$39.95

Rating	Technology	Program Title	Publisher	SUPPORT
4.0	on-line system	**America Online**	America Online	$9.95/month + on line charge
4.0	software	Aspects 1.03	Group Technologies	$189.00
3.0	software	Bank Street Writer III	Scholastic, Inc.	$89.95 - $129.95
	video	California IRCA/SLIAG Teacher Training	CASAS	$400.00
	video	Communicative Classroom Routines for	Employment Training Network	for loan
	video	Crossing Borders	Ellen Clarkston, American Lang. Institute, NYU	$25.00
4.0	software	Crossword Magic Puzzle Series	Learning Well	$39.90
4.0	video	**Disk-O-Tech: Video for Orientation to**	Available for loan from the NWRLRC	NWRLRC
	video	ESL in the Multi-Level Classroom	Spring Institute for International Studies	$14.00
	video	ESL Literacy: An Introduction	Curriculum Publications Clearinghouse	$20.00
	video	ESL Placement Testing	Curriculum Publications Clearinghouse	$20.00
	video	ESL Tutor Training Workshop	Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc.	$399.00
2.0	software	Informal Reading Comprehension Placement	Educational Activities, Inc.	$49.95
	video	Introduction to Teaching ESL	Curriculum Publications Clearinghouse	$20.00
3.0	software	**Kid Pix II**	Broderbund Software, Inc.	$39.95
	video	Language Competencies for Beginning ESL	Available for loan from the NWRLRC	NWRLRC
2.0	software	Learning Styles Inventory	Educational Activities, Inc.	$98.00
3.5	software	Milliken Word Processer	Milliken (Learning Services)	$49.95
	video	Opening the Door: Using the Core Competencies	Available for loan from the NWRLRC	NWRLRC
4.0	on-line system	**OTAN**	Outreach & Technical Assistance Network	$99 + $14/mo.
3.5	software	**Print Shop**	Broderbund Software, Inc.	$49.95 - $79.95
2.0	software	Publish It! LITE	Timeworks, Inc. (Dale Rettinger & Associates)	$59.95
	video	Small Group Tutoring/Basic Literacy Tutor	Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc.	$399.00
4.0	video	**Teacher to Teacher**	New Readers Press, Div. of Laubach Literacy	$99.95 each
4.0	video	**Technology Connections**	Available for loan from the NWRLRC	NWRLRC
4.0	software	**Textbook Toolbox**	Chemeketa Community College	$99.00
	video	The Teacher Learner Interaction Series	Employment Training Network	for loan
4.0	software	Type!	Broderbund Software, Inc.	$29.95 - $59.95
3.0	software	Typing Tutor V	Simon and Schuster (Prentice Hall)	$49.95
	video	Using the Guide to ESL Curriculum	Curriculum Publications Clearinghouse	$20.00

Annotated Listing of Featured Technology

Program Title **Accent Improvement**

Language

Publisher Speakware

Technology software

Rating 3.5 **Cost** $229.00

Description

This program concentrates on auditory discrimination pairs practice. There are two diskettes on consonants and one on vowels. It concentrates on the most frequently misheard sounds by non-native speakers and enables students to see pictorially the lip, mouth, and tongue positions to produce the sounds.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: The program was created by an instructor and is good for beginning auditory discrimination practice. It is excellent for pronunciation practice.

WEAKNESSES: Because it is repetitive, it can become boring. The sound of the lesson page turning is a little irritating. There is no recording feature for the students to listen to their own pronunciation and compare it with the model.

Program Title **ALA Lab System**

Reading

Publisher American Language Academy

Technology software system

Rating 3.0 **Cost** $2000.00

Description

This ESL program provides practice in pronunciation, vocabulary, and reading comprehension. Students listen to a native speaker of English, repeat what was said, and compare his/her own voice to the model. Other activities include working crossword puzzles, writing from dictation, and listening to vocabulary words in context. An authoring system allows instructors to customize their own curriculum.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: The authoring program allows instructors to create their own curriculum. The sound is clear and easy to understand.

WEAKNESSES: Getting started in the program is difficult. Students need a good understanding of English just to get past the main menu which is not mouse-driven. ALA soundboard only supports ALA program, so you cannot run any other application requiring a soundboard on the same computer.

Program Title **America Online**

Support

Publisher America Online

Technology on-line system

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $9.95/month + on line charge

Description

America Online is an inexpensive communication system available for Macintosh, IBM and IBM compatibles. It provides real-time, interactive conference capability with access to the White House, computer experts, and a variety of bulletin boards with special interest groups like the Adult Literacy & Education Forum, Teacher Information Network, and small business owners.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: It is very easy to access. A local access number is used which eliminates long distance phone fees.

WEAKNESSES: The primary billing methods available are credit cards or bank debit. Purchase order accounts are available but require a $200 deposit.

Program Title **Approaches to Solving Problems**

Life Skills

Publisher Educational Publishing Concepts /EISI

Technology software

Rating 3.0 **Cost** $189.50

Description

In this program, there are 36 stories which move the student through sixteen essential problem-solving objectives. Objectives include observing pictures, estimating, identifying unnecessary information, analyzing, translating into mathematical symbols, and math reading skills. After leading the student through various levels of problem-solving objectives, the student is questioned about the story. ESL students benefit from being exposed to vocabulary necessary to solve word problems.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: Students will gain a good understanding of problem-solving techniques if they start at the first lesson. The problem solving skills of the students accumulate as they work through the lessons. The graphics help the learning process.

WEAKNESSES: The process of accessing advanced levels is somewhat involved.

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Program Title **Car Smarts**

Life Skills

Publisher Available for loan from the NWRLRC

Technology video

Rating 3.0 **Cost** NWRLRC

Description

This video is designed to teach ESL students about their consumer rights with regard to buying a car. Much of the video tape focuses on getting familiar with techniques car salespeople use to sell cars; how to tell whether or not a used car is in good selling condition; and the significance of signing a contract. The instructor's manual includes discussion activities that reinforce the ideas presented in the video.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: The video helps to empower students in this specific situation.

WEAKNESSES: It is very situation-specific; most of the skills are not transferable to other areas.

Program Title **Careers for the 21st Century: Vol. I-IV**

Life Skills

Publisher TAKEOFF Multimedia Educational Excellence

Technology video

Rating 3.0 **Cost** $1600.00

Description

This product is a career resource video. Each volume presents a variety of 24 different professions. Each selection lasts from 7-12 minutes for each one.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: The program uses multisensory techniques: audio, video, and related writing activities. Students can control speed of program by stopping and reviewing.

WEAKNESSES: Some of the lessons end too soon; they should continue through practice worksheets.

Program Title **Comprehension Power**

Reading

Publisher Milliken (Learning Services)

Technology software

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $195.95

Description

This is an excellent program for reading levels 4-12. There are short reading passages followed by questions. The rate of reading can be set to a specific speed or it can be turned off so that the students can read at their own speed. It includes a wide range of informative, interesting reading selections and develops major comprehension skills including: literal understanding, interpretation, analysis, evaluation and appreciation.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: It has an easy, flexible, management system and interesting subject matter. Students have the option to change the reading rate.

WEAKNESSES: Getting started takes a little too long. There is no branching available and there is no pre-test to help determine students' current reading speed.

Program Title **Core Reading & Vocabulary Devel.**

Reading

Publisher Educational Activities, Inc.

Technology software

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $675.00

Description

This program provides good practice for reading levels 4-5. It includes nine activities, beginning with a word list drawn from a variety of word sources (Dolch, Kucera-Francis, EDL Core, and Allen), and incorporates reading, writing and spelling activities utilizing these words.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: There is a nice variety of activities which students enjoy.

WEAKNESSES: No weaknesses were noted.

Program Title **Discover Intensive Phonics**

Reading

Publisher HEC Reading Horizons

Technology software/audio

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $1,695.00 – $1,795.00

Description

This program includes 30 lessons, approximately 20 minutes each. There are 30 diskettes, 30 cassette sound tapes, an audio cassette interface board, a speaker box, an audio cassette tape deck with controls for sound track, and a phonics manual. The program synchronizes the computer screen with a human voice sound track. Pre and posttesting and drill and practice are available. It teaches reading, writing, and spelling through a multisensory system.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: It is interesting and multisensory. Students can use it alone or in pairs. Students are in control and can practice as needed. This is an excellent program for ESL students ranging from low to high intermediate. It helps them learn to read, pronounce and spell English words accurately. The taped voice is natural and friendly.

WEAKNESSES: Some of the graphics are too simplistic for adults. There is not enough flexibility for moving around in the program.

Program Title **Disk-O-Tech: Video for Orientation to the Computer Lab**

Support

Publisher Available for loan from the NWRLRC

Technology video

Rating 4.0 **Cost** NWRLRC

Description

This video was created to "walk" beginning ESL and ABE students through an orientation to the computer lab. Assuming no prior experience, the basic skills of cassette player, language master, and computers are demonstrated in three sections on the video. After viewing, students take a test to insure they have learned about the equipment.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: It is an excellent way to orient ESL students to the use of educational technologies. It can be used independently by students.

WEAKNESSES: No weaknesses were noted.

Program Title **ESL Demons**

Language

Publisher Merit

Technology software

Rating 3.0 **Cost** $99.95 each set

Description

The software generates sentences with grammatical errors. Students choose in a multiple-choice format from a selection of possible errors in the sentence. An incorrect choice prompts an explanation of the grammatical rule that the sentence did not follow. The three sets available range in difficulty from beginning to low intermediate levels.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: Students evaluate language in context. Explanations come after evaluation; it gives students an opportunity to see the mistake in context before having to decipher grammar rules.

WEAKNESSES: There is no audio component to this program.

Program Title **Fluency Practice**

Language

Publisher Gessler Educational Software

Technology software

Rating 3.0 **Cost** $59.95

Description

This program is designed to teach ESL students proper English intonation, stress and rhythm. It utilizes speaking and listening skills for high intermediate to advanced ESL students.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: It is very illustrative (visual), practical, and easy to understand. Most parts give helpful explanations with details about correct stress and intonation. This is especially useful for ESL students who have good pronunciation and need to learn more about intonation, stress, and pitch.

WEAKNESSES: Sometimes sound quality is poor, unclear, too fast, and slurred. Stress is sometimes difficult to identify. The introduction contains too much information and irrelevant details.

Program Title **Follow Me to San 'Francisco**

Life Skills

Publisher Addison Wesley Publishing Co.

Technology video

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $249.00

Description

This is a series of ten episodes (5-minutes each) in soap opera format. The stories follow the adventures of a small town boy, Tom, who moves to the big city of San Francisco to be with his sister. Each episode deals with a problem which can be discussed and solved by the class.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: Good previews, reviews and opportunities to add teacher-made materials to each episode. The student book has plenty of pictures and exercises for class, as well as small group learning. It can be related to the Washington State Core Competencies objectives.

WEAKNESSES: No weaknesses were noted.

Program Title **How to Read for Everyday Living**

Reading

Publisher Educational Activities, Inc.

Technology software

Rating 3.75 **Cost** $159.00

Description

The program is designed to help adults apply reading skills to everyday life. Disk one includes following directions as well as how to read a menu; disk two focuses on buying from ads and working with help wanted ads and job applications; disk three includes money management and travel, reading schedules, and map reading. All include clue words and basic vocabulary words. The program has a diagnostic pretest, supplementary activity masters for lessons, and an evaluation posttest.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: The material is related to survival skills. Worksheets are good and directions are clear. There is a variety of learning activities, it's self-paced, and the management system is excellent. The score and cue words can be printed. Students find it to be a lot of fun.

WEAKNESSES: The highest level of difficulty is not challenging enough for some learners. It is difficult to delete words on the crossword puzzle when a mistake is made. It is not possible to exit without going through all of the exercises.

Program Title **Jazz Chants**

Language

Publisher Oxford University Press

Technology audio

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $17.50

Description

Jazz Chants utilizes the rhythmic expression of standard American English as it occurs in context. It is a language acquisition tool which develops students' appreciation of rhythm and intonation with spoken English. The primary purpose of Jazz Chants is to improve speaking and listening comprehension. It also works well in reinforcing rhetorical structures used in social contexts.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: Most students enjoy Jazz Chants. The chants are based on situations that occur in ESL students' everyday lives. The notes to the teacher are very helpful when presenting their lessons.

WEAKNESSES: Some teachers do not feel comfortable singing or working on rhythm exercises with classes. It is best to use Jazz Chants after establishing a comfort level among class members.

Program Title **Job World Literacy**

Life Skills

Publisher Education Associates, Inc.

Technology video

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $249.00

Description

This program concentrates on four parts: important job-related terms, paperwork, common equipment, and professional attitudes and behavior. It follows two workers through the first day on the job; one is a restaurant trainee and the other is an assistant management trainee. The situations are engrossing and realistic as they discusses the terms, equipment and professional behavior expected on the job.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: The situation sketches are well presented and informative. The program can be stopped for discussion at various places.

WEAKNESSES: It would be nice to have more examples of the the restaurant worker's day.

Program Title **Kid Pix II**

Support

Publisher Broderbund Software, Inc.

Technology software

Rating 3.0 **Cost** $39.95

Description

This paint program is especially useful for family literacy. The program includes sound effects, patterns that burst into color, brushes that paint in a variety of ways, and mystery tools that yield surprising results. It features a stamp activity with eight sets of rubber stamps, a Spanish and English activity, and a connect-the-dot activity.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: This is a creative program for adults and children to use together. Icons make it easy for 3 and 4 year olds to use independently.

WEAKNESSES: Spanish alphabet is difficult to use and does not include clear directions.

Program Title **Language Master (Bell and Howell)**

Language

Publisher Proline

Technology miscellaneous

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $315.00

Description

The Language Master device allows students to see and hear vocabulary. It uses a card which contains a short audio tape segment which can be purchased prerecorded or customized by the instructor. The students can listen to the tape while guiding the card through the machine. They can also record their own pronunciation, and compare it to the model.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: This technology is easily accessible and portable. It allows the instructor to introduce or reinforce vocabulary directly related to lessons in the curriculum. Students can get immediate feedback, repeat as often as desired, and study at their own pace. It also aids in tracking from left to right.

WEAKNESSES: Even though multiple cards can be used, the amount of text on one card is limited.

Program Title **MacEnglish**

Reading

Publisher Division of John Wagner

Technology software

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $4,150.00

Description

MacEnglish provides language instruction through three separate formats: one program focuses on American culture, another teaches pronunciation and the third is a higher level program on workplace language. The pronunciation format enables students to practice specific vowel and consonant minimal pairs using drills with individual sounds, in words and in sentences. MacEnglish also includes visual and written guidance on producing sounds. It is available on CD-ROM for Macintosh computers.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: The visual, audio, and verbal interaction is very good. The minimal pair sentence and word exercises are great.

WEAKNESSES: The directions are complex and, therefore, not appropriate for the reading level of students who would use this program. There is limited recordkeeping facility for tracking students. There is a need for recognizable progressive branching levels.

Program Title **Microcourse Reading-Word Attack**

Reading

Publisher Houghton Mifflin Company

Technology software

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $120.00

Description

This is mainly a phonics-based program. The student practices identifying consonant sounds, consonant variants, vowel sounds (long, short, diphthongs, digraphs), combining consonant and vowel sounds, using context to identify a word in a sentence, and dividing words into syllables. There are 6 disks with 8 to 10 lessons on each, and a separate graphics disk.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: The content is the main strength of this program. It is also particularly good for remedial spelling. It is easy for ESL students to use and there is a resource book.

WEAKNESSES: The poorly spaced menu confounds some students.

Program Title **OTAN**

Support

Publisher Outreach & Technical Assistance Network

Technology on-line system

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $99 + $14/mo.

Description

OTAN is an on-line communication system serving adult educators. There are 15 categories of information that can be quickly and easily accessed including: master calendar, who's who, current articles, course outlines, curricula resources, lesson plans, public domain software, demonstration software, legislative information, adult education archives, and educational grants.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: It is a very valuable and exciting tool for educators!

WEAKNESSES: It requires some experience with computers.

Program Title **Pacfic Lotus Transcriber System**

Language

Publisher Pacific Lotus Technology, Inc.

Technology miscellaneous

Rating 3.0 **Cost** $179.00

Description

This transcriber transfers closed-captioned text from a broadcast to a computer. The text can then be printed or stored. Stored text can be revised through word processing and printed at a later date.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: It is useful for teachers creating instructional materials and allows students to see the text while listening to television programs or movies. There is software available to produce a variety of reading exercises, like cloze exercises.

WEAKNESSES: Due to the electronic decoding process, the closed-captioned text often contains writing errors that are time-consuming to correct.

Program Title **Q-Solution**

Reading

Publisher Curriculum Associates

Technology miscellaneous

Rating 3.0 **Cost** $300.00

Description

Q-Solution utilizes a portable bar code scanner pen with a voiced pronunciation of text materials. The bar codes interpret combinations of parallel bars -- words, phrases, sentences, or paragraphs -- and electronically vocalizes the word through a speaker or user headphone.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: The developers will customize a curriculum for ESL students. It has a natural sounding voice. It is useful to teach pronunciation, build vocabulary, and increase comprehension.

WEAKNESSES: No weaknesses were noted.

Program Title **Quick Talk**

Language

Publisher Educational Activities, Inc.

Technology software

Rating 3.5 **Cost** $65.00/disk

Description

The 5-disk program uses high-frequency vocabulary words. They are introduced in context with speech, graphics, and text. The program provides a step-by-step introduction to basic vocabulary and usage organized in thematic units. Students record their own voice and compare it with the speech model.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: The speech component is good and graphics are helpful. Worksheets provide a great follow-through. Grammar points are consistent with repeated practice which makes it great for some students.

WEAKNESSES: There is no student record keeping or bookmark feature. The sound quality is good, except final "s" is unclear or nearly inaudible. Installation of software is difficult and a mouse-driven program would be helpful. AniVox sound board is an older version and not compatible with most other sound board software applications.

Program Title **Read 'N Roll**

Reading

Publisher Davidson & Associates, Inc.

Technology **software**

Rating 3.0 **Cost** $149.95 - $179.95

Description

The activities of this program focus on specific reading skills: identifying the main idea, recognizing facts/details, sequencing events, making inferences, and identifying key vocabulary words in sentences. Students are able to work on the specific skills they choose. A bowling game, which students really enjoy, reinforces key vocabulary.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: Students experience success and have the opportunity to practice with many reading concepts. It is especially good for ESL students.

WEAKNESSES: Some students may find it too easy.

Program Title **Reading Around Words**

Reading

Publisher Masers International Enterprises

Technology **software**

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $160.00

Description

Reading Around Words is designed for students who don't read extensively in order to help them improve their vocabulary skills. The student first takes a pretest on 60 words, and then studies word definitions and words in context. The grade levels range from 4 through 12.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: The words the students study are based on the results of the diagnostic test. The word study relies on contextual clues, which is very helpful to the students. The wide range of grade levels allows the teacher to use it with a variety of students.

WEAKNESSES: The words should appear in context for the diagnostic test.

Program Title **Reading in the Workplace**

Reading

Publisher Educational Activities, Inc.

Technology software

Rating 3.0 **Cost** $295.00 each

Description

Reading in the Workplace presents four job-based reading programs that use real-life situations to capture students' attention and improve vocabulary and comprehension skills. The reading skills include identifying main ideas, details, and conclusions, and building vocabulary.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: A dictionary is easily accessible throughout the program. The program includes real-life and job-related topics.

WEAKNESSES: There are only multiple-choice questions.

Program Title **Regions of the United States**

Life Skills

Publisher Educational Activities, Inc.

Technology software

Rating 3.5 **Cost** $65.00

Description

The quiz game format provides a fun way to learn the two parts of the program: Part I: The States and Part II: The Regions. The drills about the states require identification and spelling. The drills about regions are based on clues about land forms, climates, major cities, and products.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: This program is a great supplement to the areas of social studies. It is an excellent study tool for ESL students in citizenship classes!

WEAKNESSES: Some prerequisite work would be needed for students to succeed. The maps could be improved. They're hard to identify and they disappear too quickly. No extra information or clues are provided.

Program Title **Sentence Combining I & II**

Language

Publisher Milliken (Learning Services)

Technology **software**

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $249.95

Description

The Sentence Combining program helps students to write more fluent sentences. Part I is geared to grade levels 4-8 and Part II is geared to levels 6-9. In addition to drill and practice, students can create and edit their own sentences.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: The program includes drill and practice, but it also allows students to write and edit their own sentences. Practice sheets are also very helpful.

WEAKNESSES: No weaknesses were noted.

Program Title **Spanish/English Vocabulary Games**

Life Skills

Publisher Queue Inc.

Technology **software**

Rating 3.0 **Cost** $49.95

Description

This program is good for increasing vocabulary. It has a Spanish/English or English/Spanish dictionary and provides a variety of games like hangman, scrambled eggs, spelling bee, wordsearch, tic tac toe, and superguess.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: It is a good vocabulary reinforcement for beginning ESL students. It can be used individually or by two students, and students enjoy it very much. It helps students gain confidence with new vocabulary.

WEAKNESSES: Program runs too fast! Some activities require an introduction by the instructor.

Program Title **Speaking American English at Work**

Language

Publisher Audio Forum

Technology video

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $159.00

Description

Two 30-minute video tapes teach oral competencies that ESL students need in order to get hired, trained, and promoted. They show ESL students practicing strategies such as applying for a job, appearing confident at interviews, asking questions when appropriate, reporting problems to superiors, making suggestions for improvements, and communicating well with co-workers. The program uses a three-step method: watch, practice with supervision, and practice alone. A 130-page teacher manual accompanies the video and provides a variety of activities.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: Students enjoy the videos very much. The video provides flexibility as it can be used with any level of ESL students and can be practiced many times. The activities in the teacher manual are easily copied for classroom use. It can be used to teach grammatical points and as a springboard for discussion about American culture and language.

WEAKNESSES: No weaknesses were noted.

Program Title **Spell It Plus**

Reading

Publisher Davidson & Associates, Inc.

Technology software

Rating 3.0 **Cost** $59.95 - $69.95

Description

A variety of activities teach commonly misspelled words and spelling rules. There are 1000 commonly misspelled words progressing through 5 major levels each with advancing sublevels. There are several skill games to choose including an unscramble arcade game and a see & spell game.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: It teaches spelling in specific areas and allows students to have fun. It provides an opportunity to practice keyboarding skills. It is flexible by controlling the speed of quizzes and games and by allowing for the creation of individual word lists.

WEAKNESSES: Some students think it is too juvenile. It does not have on-screen instructions for the arcade game quiz, but they can be easily found in the book.

Program Title **Teacher to Teacher**

Support

Publisher New Readers Press, Div. of Laubach Literacy

Technology video

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $99.95 each

Description

This is a twelve-part video training series documenting class sessions taught by expert teachers. ABE and ESL issues are addressed; eight of the twelve tapes are appropriate for Adult ESL. Each tape lasts about 30 minutes and features experienced teachers in actual classroom settings.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: The videos use a good combination of lecture, modeling, voice over, and graphics to focus on important teaching points and methods.

WEAKNESSES: No weaknesses were noted.

Program Title **Technology Connections**

Support

Publisher Available for loan from the NWRLRC

Technology video

Rating 4.0 **Cost** NWRLRC

Description

This is a video of the 1993 teleconference on the use of technology in ABE and ESL programs in the Northwest Region. A participant's guide accompanies the video. The teleconference highlighted technologies such as Textbook Toolbox, Spell Checkers, Language Masters, and Close Caption Video.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: It shows a wide range of technologies that have been integrated into programs in the Northwest Region.

WEAKNESSES: No weaknesses were noted.

Program Title **Textbook Toolbox**

Support

Publisher Chemeketa Community College

Technology software

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $99.00

Description

Textbook Toolbox is a hypercard-based authoring system for creating interactive electronic lessons on the Macintosh. It is a support tool for an instructor to design exciting on-screen explanations, exercises, and explorations, and it is very adaptable to all levels of basic skills programs.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: This user-friendly authoring program allows a novice to create something very classy.

WEAKNESSES: Some of the techniques available on Textbook Toolbox use a lot of memory space.

Program Title **That's My Job! I , II**

Reading

Publisher Hartley, Division of Jostens Learning

Technology software

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $59.95 each

Description

These stories of on-the-job experiences of a variety of different workers provide good reading experience for ESL students. The reading level for Level I is 2.0 to 3.0 and Level 2 is 2.5 to 3.5. Comprehension questions follow the readings.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: Material is directly related to life skills.

WEAKNESSES: The teacher must make assignments for some students because stories are not in order of skill difficulty.

Program Title **TV Tutor-Reading**

Reading

Publisher New Readers Press, Division of Laubach

Technology video

Rating 3.0 **Cost** $260.00

Description

The eight tapes include Sight Words 1 and 2, Number Words, and Calendar Words. These provide survival words recognition and spelling through a multisensory approach. The words include days of the week, months, abbreviations, holidays and special days, numerals and number words. Eight sight words are presented in each lesson. Worksheets are partially filled out during the lesson and completed with review lessons.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: The product uses multisensory techniques: audio, video and writing. As the student sees, says, reads, writes and reviews the words while using different learning modes, his mastery improves. The format is very easy to follow and it is self-paced so students can control the program or stop and review.

WEAKNESSES: A teacher may need assistance to ensure each student is initially placed at his/her literacy level. This set may be too easy for some students. The lessons end too soon; they should continue through practice work sheets.

Program Title **Type to Learn**

Life Skills

Publisher Sunburst Communications, Inc.

Technology software

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $79.00 - $129.00

Description

The game allows the student the discovery of patterns by moving a frog to the magic lily pad. The teacher can set individualized learning plans for each student by setting vocabulary level, speed goal in words per minute, accuracy goal, and text size. The program emphasizes language use, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, frequently misspelled words, inflections of adjectives, and verbs. It is a good way to learn and practice keyboarding skills.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: This is definitely an excellent way to learn to type; games are included to test keyboarding skills.

WEAKNESSES: The software does not provide an easy system for securing student records. Some students may find the program too juvenile.

Program Title **Verb Usage - Multi-Pack**

Language

Publisher Hartley, Division of Jostens Learning

Technology software

Rating 4.0 **Cost** $39.95 each

Description

This pack of four diskettes provides practice in a multiple-choice format for choosing verbs forms, especially between present and past tense in sentences. All the practices are in segments of 20 questions with cumulative student results after each segment.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: It is very helpful to ESL students who have studied simple past and past participle because it helps them distinguish verb forms. It is a good curriculum supplement for students who have problem with past tense.

WEAKNESSES: The exercises tend to be a little repetitive.

Program Title **Words, Words, Words**

Reading

Publisher Profiles Corporation

Technology software

Rating 3.5 **Cost** $189.00

Description

This ESL program helps students learn to read and to spell common words. The material is presented in a single picture with single word format and is easy to use.

Evaluation

STRENGTHS: The presentation is good and limited keyboarding skills are required. This program provides a quick way for beginning ESL students to acquire some useful vocabulary.

WEAKNESSES: The user has to scroll through about five credit pages before the program actually begins. Although the sound is understandable, it is computer generated and not great.

Listing of Publishers
Periodicals and Other Resources

Addison Wesley Publishing Co.

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Advanced Ideas, Inc.

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America Online

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Vienna VA 22182
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American Language Academy

1401 Rockville Pike Ste 550
Rockville MD 20852
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